

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in connection with the Decision on Appeal by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

In the Decision on Appeal, the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8-10 have been affirmed. At the same time the rejection of Claim 2 by the Examiner has been reversed.

The indication of the allowability of Claim 2 has been gratefully acknowledged. In connection with this indication, Claim 2 has been cancelled and its features have been introduced into Claim 1, the broadest independent claim currently on file.

It is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 as amended should be considered as patentably distinguishing over the art and should be allowed.

As for the dependent claims, Claim 3 has been cancelled, and the other claims have been retained to be dependent on the allowable Claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application should be considered as being allowable with all the claims currently on file.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application with all the claims currently on file is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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